

Salem Nilestown Womens Institute

At the London Area Convention in 2002, Ruth Axford of the Harrietsville W.I. was unanimously named as P.A.C. member for our subdivision. However, this office was cancelled at the 2003 Convention held at Embro.

Middlesex East District Annual was held in 2003 at Harrietsville United Church with Salem Nilestown W.I. providing the program.

In June 2003 the Rose Program, sponsored by Middlesex East W.I., was held at the Dorchester Community Centre.

The Tweedsmuir Curators' meeting in August 2003 was held in Auburn. Special speaker was Rev. Jeff Hawkins of the Wroxeter-Gorrie United Churches who told of his work with the Archives of the United Church in Toronto. The Curators met in Mt. Elgin in 2004 where excellent displays were shown from Beachville Museum, Ingersoll Cheese House and special collections from Woodstock and Tillsonburg.

In August 2005 the Workshop was held at the Dashwood Community Centre. Fine displays were shown at the Workshop at Coldstream Community Centre in 2006.

At the Dorchester Fair in 2003 our W.I. displayed 8 teapots and told of their family history. In 2004 we entered a display of jewellery boxes. Kitchen articles of the past were shown at the Fair in 2005.

At our Christmas meeting 2004 we were served a lovely turkey dinner followed by a retired teacher telling of her life at Fort Franklin on Great Bear Lake from 1965 to 1972.

In October 2004 the London Area Convention was held at Holmesville (Huron West). A mining engineer from the Goderich Salt mine gave an interesting discourse of the work there.

In April 2005 the Spring Luncheon was held at Nilestown with 60 people attending. Special speaker was Sheila Johnston from Fanshawe Park telling of the history of hats. Some members told of the history of the hats they wore. In June 2005 we toured the Park.

Mt. Brydges W.I. entertained the London Area Convention at their Community Centre in 2005, where we saw many interesting displays.

For our Christmas meeting in 2005 members and friends met at the Belmont Odd Fellows Hall for a lovely dinner served by the Rebeccas.

Donations were made to the Nilestown Masonic Lodge for the use of their hall, Pennies for Friendship, several knitted articles for the Children's Hospital, plus money donations and useful toys.

Our March Euchre was held in 2006 with 7 tables in play. Our Tweedsmuir History book was on display at the April 2006 meeting. A member told of the life and work of a former Institute member, Mrs. Jennet Dodds.

The Spring Luncheon in April 2006 was held at Crumlin.

In June 2006 our members and friends enjoyed a visit to Pinecroft near Aylmer and later toured Winter Wheat – a lovely spot one mile south.

The F.W.I.O. Provincial Conference was held in August 2006 at Fanshawe College. Two of our members attended a session there.